

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Justice,

Thanks so much for your kind letter of congratulations on my Commencement address at Bryant College. I was pleased to have the opportunity to convey this message. I understand the length of my talk was well received by the students and I certainly hope that the content was too.

Pat and I thoroughly enjoyed our short stay at Bryant and the opportunity to meet you.

Thanks too for your warm wishes on my new assignment. I appreciate your support because the challenge ahead truly is great.

Again, many thanks and all the best.

Yours sincerely,

  
STANSFIELD TURNER

The Honorable Joseph R. Weisberger  
Presiding Justice  
Superior Court of Rhode Island  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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Superior Court of Rhode Island

JOSEPH R. WEISBERGER  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

Providence  
May 26, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Unfortunately, I did not have an opportunity to express my congratulations to you after you delivered your splendid Commencement address at Bryant College. I felt that you struck a most appropriate note in urging involvement on the part of the graduating seniors in government, either professionally or as interested volunteers.

There has been such a tendency in recent years for young people to look with disdain upon almost all government activities, particularly the military and the intelligence branches. Obviously, no nation has a viable option to forego significant activity in national defense, which must include strong military forces adequately informed by competent intelligence personnel.

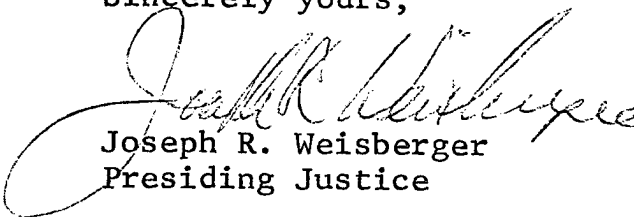
In the fullest sense, all of our liberties depend upon our willingness to protect our national freedom and integrity. Freedom is not a self-executing concept. Unless our young people are willing to participate in the vital job of preserving this nation, we shall obviously pass into the decline which has characterized other great nations and empires, whose histories we have known.

It was indeed a great pleasure to have the opportunity to meet you and your wife at Bryant College.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Let me take this opportunity to wish for both of you  
great success and happiness in your most difficult but  
challenging assignment as Director of the Central Intel-  
ligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph R. Weisberger  
Presiding Justice